

AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 • 2:34 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Room C445 State Capitol

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the May 21 and May 22, 2008 meetings

2. Utah Basic Skills Competency Test

The Committee will receive a presentation on student performance on the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test.

- Dr. Judy Park, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

3. Mathematics Education

Although proposed legislation to establish a legislative task force to study mathematics, science, and technology education did not pass in the 2008 General Session, a coalition of legislators and state and local education representatives has been meeting to study issues relating to mathematics education. The Committee will receive an update on the activities of the coalition and a briefing on Singapore Math.

- Sen. Margaret Dayton and Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

4. Utah Science and Technology Research Initiative (USTAR)

The Committee will receive a progress report on USTAR, which provides funding to recruit researchers and establish research facilities at the University of Utah and Utah State University to create novel technologies that are subsequently commercialized through new business ventures.

- Devin Thorpe, Managing Director, USTAR Technology Outreach Program

5. Comparison of Education Spending and Services

The Utah Foundation will review its recent report comparing education spending and services in Utah and five other states with similar demographics.

- Stephen Kroes, President, Utah Foundation

6. Other Items / Adjourn